APPENDIX X.

[Vide answer to the starred question No. 1213 asked by Sri N. R. Thiagarajan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 30th March 1961, page 469 supra.]

The total size of the First Plan of the Madras State was Rs. 86 crores. Out of this, 93 per cent was actually spent. The overall shortfall was mainly due to the fact that the Andhra Partition took place during the period and the administration was just getting geared to the task of fulfilment of the Plan. Even so, in important sectors like Irrigation, and Power the amounts provided were almost fully spent.

The Second Plan of Rs. 152 crores has been substantially exceeded in actual implementation, the actual expenditure being Rs. 186 crores. In certain sectors, there have been smaller outlays than were originally fixed. This is mainly due to the continuous review of requirements of each department and the diversion of resources from certain sectors with lower priority to sectors where larger amounts were considered necessary. Thus, during the Plan, under Agriculture, Major Irrigation, Power and Industries, the outlays have been substantially exceeded.

	Excess. (RUPEES IN CRORES.)
Agriculture	4
Major Irrigation	5
Power	26
Industries	3·9

It would not therefore be correct to say that there were shortfalls in other sectors. What really happened was, a deliberate diversion of resources from sectors with lower priority to sectors with a high priority. Even in the former sectors, attempt has been made to achieve most of the physical targets set in the original draft, through economies in expenditure.